

TOWN/COMMERCIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Thursday, January 21, 2010  
First Floor Meeting Room, Amherst Town Hall

Members present: Leslie Arriola, Jeffrey Blaustein, Jeffrey Krauth, Michael Jacques, Tony Maroulis, Nina Wishengrad  
Others present: Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director; Jeff Bagg, Senior Planner (staff person for ZBA); Larry Shaffer (Town Manager)  
Not present: Barry Roberts, Fred Levine, Mark Parent (chair)

The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m. with Jeffrey Krauth serving as Acting Chair

1. New Business

The Town Manager made a presentation re: proposal to convert some metered parking spaces on Boltwood Avenue and Spring Street to permit parking paid for by, and dedicated to the use of, the Lord Jeffery Amherst Inn.

- a. Nine spaces on south side of Spring Street and four on Boltwood will be permit parking only, managed by the Inn.
- b. The TCRC voted 6-0 in favor of supporting the proposal

2. Announcements & Minutes

- a. Mark Parent will present to the TCRC's "Executive Summary document on Town Permitting Board" to Select Board, Monday, January 25 @ 6:50 PM.
- b. Minutes from December 10, 2009 meeting were approved by a vote of 6-0.

3. Permit Review Meetings – Observers' Reports

Nina W. reported on the Design Review Board hearing for the creperie that will be going into the old Ben & Jerry's space. Ms. Wishengrad noted that the DRB had been encouraging and supportive.

4. Old Business

- a. Permit Checklist  
Town Hall staff has begun to consider information that is available on the web site re: information available on the web site about permits. There was discussion regarding the difficulty with which prospective business owners find the appropriate point of entry to determine who they need to see to secure proper permits.
- b. Economic Development Plan  
Chapter 5, Economic Development, of the draft Master Plan was distributed. Open hearing on February 3 for final comments on the draft. Amherst 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration document was distributed, which includes the Town Manager's nine points to consider in future Economic Development.
- c. Other  
There was a brief discussion re: permit tracking software.

Next meeting, February 25, 2010 @ 5:45 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey D. Blaustein